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(DISTRICT) (COUNTY) COURT, EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO Court Address: 270 South Tejon Street Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903		
The People of the State of Colorado, Plaintiff V. Anderson Lee Aldrich, DOB: 05/20/2000, AGE: 22, SSN: , Defendant		DATE FILED: November 20, 2022 CASE NUMBER: 2022CR6008 COURT USE ONLY ▲
Agency: Colorado Springs Police Department Agency Number: 22-43279		Case/File Number: 22CR6008
		Division: Criminal Ctrm:
ATTACHMENT "A"		

The following Affidavit is submitted to the Court to document the probable cause in support of a request for the issuance of an Arrest Warrant for **Anderson Lee Aldrich, DOB: 05/20/2000, AGE: 22, SSN:**

This offense is fully documented in Colorado Springs Police Department Report 22-43279 detailing the offense(s) of:

§18-3-102 (1)(A), MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE (5 COUNTS), CLASS ONE FELONY (F1)

§18-9-121 (2), BIAS MOTIVATED CRIMES (5 COUNTS), CLASS FIVE FELONY (F5)

With the victim(s) identified as:

UNIDENTIFIED X 5 VICTIMS, DOB: UNKNOWN, GENDER: UNSPECIFIED

Your Affiant, Detective J. Gasper #3337, is a sworn police officer for the City of Colorado Springs, located in the County of El Paso, State of Colorado. Your Affiant has been a Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) officer for approximately 15 years and is currently assigned to the Violent Crimes Section – Homicide / Assault Unit. Your Affiant has been assigned to this unit since June, 2019. Your Affiant's duties include investigating homicide, felonious assaults, suicide, suspicious deaths, kidnapping, extortion, and other assigned crimes.

Your Affiant, hereafter referred to as "I", has personal knowledge of the following facts, which are fully documented under CSPD case report #22-43279. Unless otherwise noted, all locations listed in this affidavit are located within the City of Colorado Springs, County of El Paso, State of Colorado.

It should be noted that this is an active and ongoing investigation and is still in the very early stages. More information is being developed as this affidavit is being drafted. The information contained in this affidavit is information known to Your Affiant at the time of this affidavit being drafted.

On 11/19/22 (Saturday) at approximately 2356 hours, the CSPD's Communications Center received a report of a shooting / active shooter situation, which occurred at Club Q, located at 3430 N. Academy Boulevard, City of Colorado Springs, County of El Paso, State of Colorado. Initial reports indicated there were numerous victims inside of the business and that at least a dozen (12) shots had been fired. The suspect was last observed running toward an outside patio behind the building. It was later learned that the suspect could still be inside of the building.

A different reporting party stated the suspect was a heavy-set male, who had reportedly been detained and was being beat up on the dance floor. The suspect was further described as a white male, who was wearing a black baseball cap, a black shirt over a black t-shirt, and blue jeans. The suspect was reported to have fired an AR-15 style assault rifle and was wearing a ballistic vest. At approximately 0002 hours on 11/20/22 (Sunday), it was reported the suspect was detained on the floor inside of the bar. Updated reports were that there were several victims severely injured inside of the club.

CSPD Patrol Officers responded emergently to Club Q and located numerous victims both inside and outside of the club. The suspect (later identified through an electronic fingerprint scanner as Anderson Lee Aldrich, DOB: 05/20/00) was transported to a local hospital to have injuries treated. Initial reports indicate that Anderson may have sustained a gunshot wound to the head. Anderson is suspected to survive his injuries.

Supervisor Initials / IBN: 

Based on the circumstances, the CSPD Homicide / Assault Unit was activated (along with numerous other resources) to assume responsibility for the investigation. Upon being activated, I was tasked with conducting the scene investigation. I responded to the scene a short time later.

When I arrived on scene, I made note that there is a tremendous amount of blood, medical intervention debris, and clothing items scattered directly outside of the club. While inspecting the exterior of the scene, I was approached by the business owner, who was identified as Matthew Haynes (DOB: 12/20/68).

Matthew advised that he had video surveillance cameras (which include audio) at numerous locations inside of the club. He was in the process of downloading video clips to his cellular phone. He offered to send the videos to me electronically.

Upon reviewing the videos, I learned the following information. Anderson arrived at approximately 2355 hours on 11/19/22 (per video surveillance). He arrived in a gold Toyota Highlander bearing Colorado license plate # . This vehicle was later determined to be registered to Anderson Lee Aldrich. The vehicle was confirmed to be a gold 2005 Toyota Highlander and is parked facing eastbound on the south side of the club, just feet from the entrance to the club.

When Anderson exited the driver's door of the vehicle, it was apparent that he was wearing a ballistic vest and was carrying an AR-15 style assault rifle. He entered the business and, after entering the business a short distance, he opened fire indiscriminately at patrons inside of the club.



Anderson fired at two victims who almost immediately upon entering the main area of the club. A still image of the beginning of the shooting incident is depicted below.



The quality of the video surveillance is relatively poor; however, Matthew stated there is a DVR system inside of Club Q and the quality of the video on the DVR is much better than was shown to me on the phone.

Matthew went on to explain that in this type of situation, the employees have been trained to move patrons and themselves into the neighboring club (Buddies Private Club), which he also owns. Matthew specified that he owns the building, Club Q, and Buddies Private Club. There is an adjoining entrance that connects the clubs from the inside, per Matthew's statements. Matthew specified that the address for Club Q is 3430 N. Academy Boulevard Unit A and the address for Buddies Private Club is 3430 N. Academy Boulevard Unit B.

Based on viewing the video surveillance, it is believed that evidence of this shooting event will be located in both businesses. While Anderson remained in Club Q, based on the number of rounds fired and the indiscriminate nature of the firing, it is likely that both businesses will need to be searched in order to ensure the scene is thoroughly documented. There were additional reports that rounds may have even struck the exterior of the 7-Eleven store located at 3502 N. Academy Boulevard, which is located approximately 1 block north of Club Q.

After concluding my conversation with Matthew, I looked into Club Q but could not see much evidence from the exterior. It is believed that most of the evidence is further into the club than I could see from the doorway. I took a moment to make several notes as it relates to the exterior of the scene.

Club Q and Buddies Private Club, 3430 N. Academy Boulevard, Units A & B, a multi-business building located approximately 1 block west of the 3400 block of N. Academy Boulevard. The exterior of the building is composed of grey rock, with some rock being colored orange and red. There is signage for two businesses, "Buddies Private Club" and "Club Q". West of the entrance to Club Q, the numbers "3430" are arranged horizontally above a black lock box. The numbers are located just west of the Club Q signage, which is located on the brown trim above the entryway to the club on the south side of the building.

Club Q and Buddies Private Club are clubs that promote themselves with the following description, which was taken from Google: *"Adult-oriented gay & lesbian nightclub hosting theme nights such as karaoke, drag shows & DJs."*

Many of the victims injured in this case have been transported to local hospitals to have their injuries treated. As of the time of this report, a total of five (5) victims are deceased, four (4) of which are believed to be inside of the club. A total of eighteen (18) additional victims were reported to be shot and / or otherwise injured. The identities of all of the victims is unknown at this time.

From the exterior of Anderson's vehicle, I looked into the front right passenger window. The vehicle appears to be cluttered inside; however, I was able to observe a cartridge for an AR-15 style rifle (likely a .223 caliber) on the front right passenger seat. I wasn't able to immediately observe additional evidence due to Anderson's vehicle having tinted windows in the back.

Detective N. Black 5400 conducted an interview with Richard Fierro (DOB 05/06/1977). Richard Fierro stated he was at Club Q with his family and friends to watch his daughter's friend perform. Richard Fierro stated they were sitting at a table near the stage when he heard multiple gunshots near the front door of the club. Richard Fierro said he ducked for cover as the gunshots continued going off.

Once he was able to orient himself Richard Fierro stated he saw the suspect with an AR-style rifle and a bullet proof vest on continue shooting towards what he believed to be the patio area. Richard Fierro stated he observed an unknown male pull the suspect to the ground and he went over to help him. Richard Fierro stated the suspect was lying face-down on the ground, he (Richard Fierro) got on his back, and began striking him. Richard Fierro stated the suspect continued to try and grab the AR-rifle which was towards the suspect's right hand.

Richard Fierro stated during the struggle and physical altercation with the suspect he saw the suspect with a handgun. Richard Fierro said he was able to get the handgun away from the suspect and began striking him anywhere he could on the suspect's body to get the suspect to stop fighting. Richard Fierro also stated the suspect appeared to have multiple rifle magazines because he heard him re-load after the first volley of gunfire and even through a magazine away from the suspect when he was fighting with him on the ground. Richard Fierro stated law enforcement arrived on scene and took custody of the suspect (Anderson Aldrich).

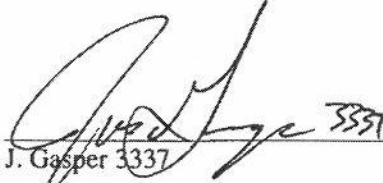
On 11/20/22 at approximately 0148 hours, Detective R. Joines 4314 responded to Memorial Hospital Central where Anderson Aldrich was in custody. Detective Joines was unable to speak with Anderson at that time because he was Sergeant T. Lindvall 2417 and Officer C. Pittman 7249 were outside the treatment room of Anderson and advised Detective Joines they had overheard Anderson tell medical staff he was sorry and he had been awake for four days.

On 11/20/22 at approximately 0345 hours, Detective Joines responded to 5543 North Union Boulevard #301, which had been located as a potential address for Anderson. Detective Joines contacted Anderson's mother (identified as Laura Voepel, DOB: 04/05/77) in the residence. Laura advised she and Anderson were going to go to a movie at 2200 hours but Anderson left on an errand he told her would only take 15 minutes. She said he did not provide her any other information. Laura said she did not see Anderson when he left and did not know if he took anything with him. Laura stated Anderson took her phone with him and she had not seen him since.

Detective Joines asked Laura about weapons belonging to either her or Anderson and she said they did not have weapons other than a folding pocket knife belonging to Anderson. Laura made a comment to Detective Joines and other officers in the apartment that she makes recordings and appeared to be holding a handheld recording device. She mentioned recording Anderson as well but Detective Joines did not notice any obvious cameras in the apartment. It is unknown if there are video recording devices in apartment #301.

Your Affiant would respectfully request that probable cause be found that **Anderson Lee Aldrich, DOB: 05/20/2000 SSN:** did, within the City of Colorado Springs, County of El Paso, State of Colorado, commit in violation of the Colorado Revised Statutes 1973 as amended, the offense(s) of **§18-3-102 (1)(A), MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE (5 COUNTS), CLASS ONE FELONY (F1); §18-9-121 (2), BIAS MOTIVATED CRIMES (5 COUNTS), CLASS FIVE FELONY (F5).**

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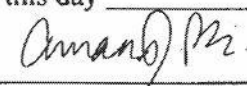
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J. Gasper 3337

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Position: Detective

This affidavit was sworn and subscribed before me this day November 20, 2022.

Magistrate / Judge: 

Mag. Philipps